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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Coordination

THROUGH : Deputy Director/Intelligence *ndh*

SUBJECT : Implementation of Killian Report, NSC Action 1430:
Specific Recommendation C.6

1. The last report on this recommendation to the NSC noted the implementing action accomplished by issuance of NSCID-17 on 16 May 1955. Subsequently, the Secretary of Defense on 13 July 1955 assigned the Secretary of the Air Force the responsibility and delegated the necessary authority to "direct and supervise the consolidated processing, analysis and dissemination of information on foreign non-communication electromagnetic radiations and to guide and coordinate Electronics Intelligence (ELINT) activities of all agencies of the Department of Defense." The final directives implementing this responsibility are in process of coordination. The effect of this action upon the management of the several programs of the Department of Defense and their coordination with the programs of the Agency is for the future to determine.

2. With respect to the internal Agency ELINT activities, as you know, the Agency ELINT Staff Officer and Office has been established. The effectiveness with which this arrangement can develop efficient planning and programming and introduce technical equipment and initiate operations consistent with the most advanced state of the art has yet to be determined. With the exception of the introduction of ELINT equipment and operations into certain special projects involving aircraft, the program has a very long way to go.

3. The major lack is scientific and engineering personnel and the organizations required to make effective use of the extremely limited numbers of these people. I do not believe the Defense organization shows promise of major improvement in this respect and there is room for much improvement within the Agency.

4. If a report must be made to the NSC on the specific recommendation at this time, I believe it should merely note progress toward the ultimate goal of a community organization to provide a focal point for ELINT cooperation and coordination.

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